given to the control unit 45 and a command signal based thereon being outputted to the printer 28 (Fig. 7 and column 7, lines 35-39) but Bennett does not say anything about connection with a packaging machine. In other words, packaging conditions and printing data are not set in correlated manner.

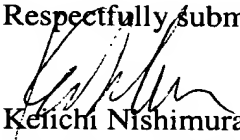
Moreover, Bennett's printer is operated intermittently (column 5, lines 20-25, and column 9, lines 15-20). When an eye mark on the film is detected, the film is stopped for the printing operation. Thus, if the bag size or the film speed is changed, the printing can always be effected at right positions on the film if it is preliminarily determined at what distance from the eye mark the printing should be effected (column 9, lines 8-14).

The Examiner stated: "Bennett has control means that have data for different feed speeds and length of the web. Otherwise, the apparatus would not be able to accommodate different lengths of webs or feed speeds automatically" (page 3, lines 103 of the Official Letter), but this is not a correct statement. According to Bennett, the film is stopped when the printing is being effected. Thus, the printer does not need such data. According to the present invention, both the film feeder and the printer are moving continuously.

It is therefore believed that the amendment herein effected is responsive to the Office Action and that the Examiner will find the application now in condition for allowance.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Thrice amended) A packaging system comprising:

a packaging machine which continuously transports a bag-making film along a path while forming said film into a tubular form, fills said tubularly formed film with articles to be packaged inside a bag having a specified bag length and seals said film to produce a packaged product;

a printer disposed along said path for printing specified print data and causing said printed specified print data to appear on said film;

a packaging condition memory which stores packaging conditions including said bag length and packaging speed for operating said packaging machine;

a print data memory which stores print data from which said specified print data are specified; and

a correlation data memory which stores correlation data between said print data and said packaging conditions, said correlation data memory storing specified ones of said print data in correlation with specified ones of said packaging conditions.